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MEDIA ADVISORY:

NC Museum of History will announce City of Oaks Pirate Fest at Raleigh 'M.A.I.N. Events' press conference



WHAT: City of Oaks Pirate Fest

NC Museum of History will announce The City of Oaks Pirate Fest at Raleigh 'M.A.I.N.

Events' press conference

WHEN: Friday, August 3, 2018

11:30 am: Sample live performances

12pm: News conference

WHERE: Raleigh's Exchange Plaza*

219 Fayetteville St. Raleigh, NC 27601

DETAILS: Chanda Branch, chair of the Raleigh Arts Commission, will announce September's

month-long festivities that are part of 2018 Raleigh M.A.I.N. Events (Music, Art, Innovation, and Noise). Representatives of the 19 annual festivals and events scheduled in September will be on hand to talk about their events.

The City of Oaks Pirate Fest, scheduled for Saturday, September 22 from 10 a.m.— 4:30 p.m. at the NC Museum of History, is one of four new events that will be announced at this news conference. This FREE all-day celebration will feature food, pirate history, music and fun. Don't miss an exciting opportunity for pirate bands, engaging sword fights and swashbuckling games, crafts and costume contests, and hands-on demos with authentic pirate artifacts.

At 11:30 a.m. (before the conference), enjoy a live performance by renowned pirate band The Motely Tones. Cheri Williams, Special Events Coordinator at the NC Museum of History, will share details about Pirate Fest at the noon news conference.

*In case of rain, the event will take place at City of Raleigh Museum, 220 Fayetteville St., Ste. 100. A location update will be sent out no later than 9:30 a.m. on Friday, August 3.

To schedule interviews or for additional information, please contact AK Brinson at 919-807-7943 or ak.brinson@ncdcr.gov.

About the N.C. Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate

The N.C. Museum of History is located at 5 E. Edenton Street in downtown Raleigh. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The museum collects and preserves artifacts of North Carolina history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. Each year more than 400,000 people visit the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

For information about the N.C. Museum of History, call 919-807-7900 or access <u>ncmuseumofhistory.org</u> or follow on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google+ or YouTube.

About the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

The N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state's natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational and economic future of North Carolina. NCDNCR's mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries and nature in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state's history, conserving the state's natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums and Jennette's Pier, 39 state parks and recreation areas, the N.C. Zoo, the nation's first state-supported Symphony Orchestra, the State Library, the State Archives, the N.C. Arts Council, State Preservation Office and the Office of State Archaeology, along with the Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, please call 919-807-7300 or visit www.ncdcr.gov.